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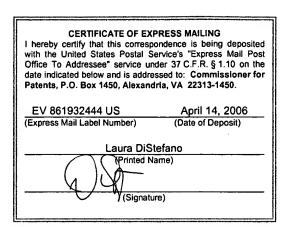
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## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION** AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is responsive to the Final Office Action issued October 18, 2005 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due January 18, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time thereby extending the deadline to April 18, 2006. Accordingly, in view of the petition and payment of the fee, this Reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this Reply.

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